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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, SP, GW  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF FELIPE GONZALES TO BONN

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM SPD OFFICIAL FOLLOWING INSIGHTS ON THE VISIT OF SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY (PSOE) SECRETARY GONZALES TO BONN WEEK OF JANUARY 16.
  2. GONZALES WAS THE GUEST OF THE SPD BUNDESTAG CAUCUS (FRAKTION) AND SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME WITH THEM. HE ALSO SAW FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN THE GOVERNMENT. SCHMIDT AND GONZALES KNOW EACH OTHER FAIRLY WELL IN A RELATIONSHIP THAT BEGAN WHEN SCHMIDT CALLED ON GONZALES IN MADRID IN DECEMBER 1976 AT A TIME WHEN THE PSOE WAS STILL AN ILLEGAL PARTY.
  3. GONZALES AND HIS DELEGATION SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME
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IN TALKS WITH MEMBERS OF THE SPD FRAKTION. THE STATED OBJECTIVE OF THE VISIT WAS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FUNCTIONING OF PARLIAMENT, AND GONZALES AND HIS GROUP IN FACT DEVOTED MOST OF THEIR STAY TO DISCUSSING TECHNICAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM AND OF THE PARLIAMENTARY WORKINGS OF THE SPD, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF HOW TO FINANCE

PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES.

4. WE DO NOT HAVE A FULL ACCOUNT OF GONZALES' DISCUSSION WITH SCHMIDT, BUT WE WERE TOLD THAT SCHMIDT PROBED GONZALES CONSIDERABLY ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, AND APPARENTLY FOUND HIM WELL INFORMED AND ON HIS TOES. HE ALSO ASKED GONZALES FOR HIS VIEWS ON NATO, AND GOT A NEGATIVE REACTION. SCHMIDT THEREUPON DISAGREED WITH GONZALES, EXPRESSING HIS OWN POSITIVE VIEWS.

5. ELSEWHERE DURING HIS ACTIVITIES IN BONN, GONZALES EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A SERIES OF BILATERAL TREATIES WITH THE NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES COULD SERVE THE SAME PRACTICAL EFFECT AS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE. WE WERE ALSO TOLD BY OUR SOURCE THAT THE PSOE IS CONCERNED THAT SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO MIGHT PUT PRESSURE ON YUGOSLAVIA TO JOIN THE WARSAW PACT.

6. GONZALES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION TO HIS GERMAN HOSTS OVER HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. AND SAID THAT, BY CONTRAST, HE FELT "OPPRESSED" DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER.  
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